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## REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance pursuant to the telephonic interview on October 28, 2005. In the interview, the cited art was differentiated including SU 321,252 to Abolina ("Abolina"). The Examiner suggested that Abolina does not teach a longitudinal axis along which the strap extends. Applicant's attorney agreed but argued that Abolina does not disclose a strap which passes laterally behind the back, generally parallel to the forearm part and to the upper arm part. The strap need not necessarily travel along a single longitudinal axis.

In the Notice of Allowance, a substitute specification was requested and is submitted herewith, including a clean version and a version with markings shown. The substitute specification contains no new matter and incorporates the amendments made to the claims and specification during prosecution. Also, the claims as allowed, with the Examiner's amendments, have been presented above to facilitate processing.

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